GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5441
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TEA AUCTION CENTRE AT KARACHI
AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the news item captioned `Proposed tea auction centre at Karachi upsets industry` appearing in the `Times of India` dated April 6, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) During the visit of a tea delegation from Pakistan in November 1997, the Pakistan Tea Association had indicated a proposal to open a tea auction centre at Karachi. However no official information on the subject has been received.

(c) Government of India and Tea Board are closely watching the situation.